

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

MATTHEW SCHAEFFER, Individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Hudson  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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**DEFENDANTS**

SIGNATURE BANK, JOSEPH DEPAOLO, STEPHEN WYREMSKI and ERIC HOWELL

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)   |

Does this action include a motion for temporary restraining order or order to show cause? Yes  No

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

| CONTRACT   | TORTS  | FORFEITURE/PENALTY   | BANKRUPTCY   | OTHER STATUTES  |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance   | <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>   | <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 | <input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine  | <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability         | <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act  | <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability            | <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander              | <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability                | <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment       | <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability  | <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act  | <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability              | <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) | <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application   | <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits           | <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage              | <input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016            | <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692)                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract  | <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability           | <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability                              |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange                      |
|  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions  |
|  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts  |
|  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters  |
|  |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act                                       |
|  |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration  |
|  |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision |
|  |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes                              |
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| REAL PROPERTY  | CIVIL RIGHTS   | PRISONER PETITIONS   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights                    | <b>Habeas Corpus:</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure   | <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee                              |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence                  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land   | <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/ Accommodations               | <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General                                     |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment     | <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty                               | <b>IMMIGRATION</b>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other          | <b>Other:</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application                  |   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions                   |   |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights                                |  |   |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition                            |  |   |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement  |  |   |

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (*Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity*):

Section 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and the PSLRA

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Brief description of cause:

Violation of the federal securities laws.

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

**DEMAND \$**

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

**JURY DEMAND:**  Yes  No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCKET NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

3/14/2023

/s/ Phillip Kim

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RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

Local Arbitration Rule 83.7 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

Case is Eligible for Arbitration

I, \_\_\_\_\_, counsel for \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

|                                     |
|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1**

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:

N/A

### **RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)**

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

### **NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 1(c)**

- 1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County?  Yes  No
- 2.) If you answered "no" above:
  - a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County?  Yes  No
  - b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District?  Yes  No
  - c) If this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, specify the County in which the offending communication was received: \_\_\_\_\_

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County?  Yes  No

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

### **BAR ADMISSION**

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

Yes  No

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court?

Yes (If yes, please explain)  No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: /s/ Phillip Kim